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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces any and all prior claim lists.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A UHT-treated product comprising a stabilized starch n-alkenyl succinate as a texturizing agent and wherein, after UHT-treatment, said UHT-treated product has a viscosity ~~which is~~ between 0.10 to 0.50 times the viscosity obtainable after re-heating of said UHT-treated product.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): A UHT-treated product according to claim 1, wherein, after UHT-treatment, said UHT-treated product has a viscosity ~~which is~~ between 0.15 to 0.40 times the viscosity obtainable after re-heating of said UHT-treated product.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): A UHT-treated product according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the stabilized n-alkenyl succinate is a C₆ to C₁₆ n-alkenyl succinate.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): UHT-treated product according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said UHT-treated product includes at least one starch alkenyl succinate that is undextrinised, dextrinised, cooked-up, pregelatinised, or enzyme-treated.

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Claim 5 (Currently amended): A UHT-treated product according to claim 4, wherein ~~[[in]]~~ said UHT-treated product ~~[[said]]~~ has a viscosity ~~[[is]]~~ between 0.15 to 0.35 times the viscosity obtainable after ~~re-heating of~~ reheating said UHT-treated product.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): A UHT-treated product according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of UHT-treated sauces, soups, liquid desserts, dressings and fillings.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): A UHT-treated white sauce according to claim 6, wherein:

a) it comprises from 2 to 5% w/w stabilized starch n-alkenyl succinate, ~~[[,]]~~

b) a viscosity after UHT treatment of below 1500 mPa.s, ~~[[,]]~~
and

c) a viscosity after re-heating that increases to above 2000 mPa.s.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): A process for preparing UHT-treated product comprising starch n-alkenyl succinate in which said process comprises:

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- a) preparing a mix of the ingredients that includes a stabilized starch n-alkenyl succinate,
- b) preheating said mix to a temperature higher than 50°C,
- c) homogenizing said preheated mix at a pressure higher than 20 bar,
- d) treating the mix by UHT at a temperature higher than 120°C, and
- e) cooling the UHT-treated product.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): A process according to claim 8, wherein said stabilized starch n-alkenyl succinate is a stabilized starch C₆ - C₁₆ alkenyl succinate.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): A process according to claim 8 or 9, wherein the UHT-treated product of step e) is re-heated to a temperature higher than 80°C.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): A process for texturizing a UHT-treated product by incorporating therein a stabilized n-alkenyl succinate.

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Cancelled)

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Claim 14 (Withdrawn): A process according to claim 11, wherein further processing said UHT-treated product to a sauce, soup, liquid dessert, dressing or filling.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): A process according to claim 11, wherein said UHT-treated product has an egg yolk content wherein said egg yolk content is reduced by at least 50% by adding said stabilized starch alkenyl succinate, in comparison to the UHT-treated product lacking said stabilized starch alkenyl succinate.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): A UHT-treated product according to claim 1, wherein said stabilized n-alkenyl succinate is a stabilized n-octenyl succinate.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): A UHT-treated white source according to claim 7, wherein said white source contains from 3 to 4% w/w of said stabilized n-alkenyl succinate.

Claim 18 (Previously presented): A UHT-treated white sauce according to claim 7, wherein said viscosity after UHT-treatment is below 1000 mPas.

Claim 19 (Cancelled)

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Claim 20 (Withdrawn): A process according to claim 8, wherein the UHT-treated product of e) is re-heated to a temperature higher than 90°C.

Claim 21 (Currently amended): A UHT-treated product according to claim 1, wherein said UHT-treated product ~~[[is]]~~ has a viscosity between 0.15 to 0.35 times the viscosity of a re-heated UHT-treated product.

Claim 22 (New): A product obtained according to the process of claim 8.

Claim 23 (New): A UHT-treated food product whose viscosity increases upon being reheated, wherein before reheating, said product has a viscosity that is 0.15 to 0.50 times the viscosity obtained after reheating said product, said UHT-treated food product comprising a texturizing agent that is a starch n-alkenyl succinate that has been treated with active chlorine.